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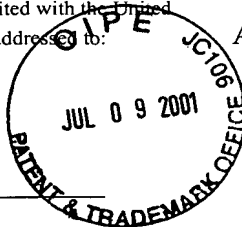
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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first paragraph with the following new paragraph:

The present application is a continuation of 09/557,875, filed April 24, 2000, which is a continuation of 09/056,927, filed April 8, 1998, which is a continuation of 08/670,118 filed June 25, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,800,992, which is a divisional of 08/168,904 filed December 15, 1993, which is a continuation of 07/624,114, filed December 6, 1990 (all incorporated by reference), which is a continuation-in-part of commonly assigned patent applications Pirrung *et al.*, U.S.S.N. 07/362,901 (VLSIPS parent) filed on June 7, 1989; and Pirrung *et al.*, U.S.S.N. 07/492,462 (VLSIPS CIP), filed on March 7, 1990 (now US 5,143,854), which are hereby incorporated herein by reference. The present application is also a continuation-in-part of 08/348,471, filed November 30, 1994, which is a continuation of USSN